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The communication filed December 02, 2004 is not fully responsive to the Office communication mailed April 29, 2004 for the following reason(s): The amendment to the claims does not comply with the revised format for claim amendments according to 37 CFR 1.121. Specifically, claims in an amendment must be identified using only one of the following seven status identifiers: (original), (currently amended), (canceled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), and (not entered). Claim 20 of the amendment filed December 02, 2004 is identified as "Previously Presented" and "Canceled." Claims should be identified using only ONE of the seven status identifiers as listed above.

Since the reply appears to be a bona fide attempt to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH from the mailing date of this communication within which to correct the deficiency so as to comply with the revised amendment practice according to 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment of the application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner David J. Steadman, Art Unit 1652, whose telephone number is (571) 272-0942. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ponnathapura Achutamurthy can be reached at (571) 272-0928. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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